

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 8-12, 15, 18-20 and 27 and the abstract are amended.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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### ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A knee protection apparatus includes an airbag (11) and an airbag support (15) that is attached to the airbag. Upon deployment of the airbag (11), the airbag support together expands so as to cover the instrument panel and thus help the airbag smoothly expand.

~~Selected drawing: FIG. 4~~